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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1,2,4,6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Moen.
2. Re claim 1, Moen discloses a roast lifter for use in cooking and moving meat or poultry comprising one or at least one interwoven string or cord defining a body for holding and supporting the meat or poultry, and defining at least two handles (12) for lifting the combination of the body and the meat or poultry (column 2, lines 1-10; figures 1-4).
3. Re claim 2, Moen discloses the handle consists of a length of string or cord attached to the peripheral edge of the body, and the handles are attached at opposing edges of the body (figures 1-4).
4. Re claim 4, Moen discloses a roast lifter for use in cooking and moving meat or poultry comprising a body for holding and supporting the meat or poultry, and at least two handles attached to opposing peripheral edges of the body for lifting the combination of the body and the meat or poultry, wherein the body is comprised entirely of one or at least one interwoven string or cord defining a net with a plurality of

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apertures, and the handles are comprised entirely of string or cord (column 2, lines 1-10; fig. 1-4).

5. Re claim 6, Moen discloses a method for producing a roast lifter comprised of string or cord comprising the steps of interweaving string or cord to form a net conforming to the size of the meat or poultry, and attaching at least two handles to opposing peripheral edges of the net (column 2, lines 1-10; fig. 1-4).

6. Re claim 7, Moen discloses A method for producing a roast lifter according to claim 6 wherein the handle is comprise of one or at least one length of string or cord (column 2, lines 1-10; fig. 1-4).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3,5, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moen in view of Snyder. Moen does not explicitly teach the use of butcher's twine for the net. Snyder teaches a method of preparing fowl involving wrapping the meat with butcher's twine (13) to retain its shape during transport. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the net of Moen to include butcher's twine for the cord or string as taught by Snyder because butcher's twine is sturdy and strong enough to carry meat.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Esther O. Okezie whose telephone number is (703) 305-0433. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Katherine A Matecki can be reached on (703) 308-2688. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Matecki". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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